

Excerpt from the Record of the conversation of the German Minister of Foreign Affairs with the DUCE in the presence of Count CIANO and Ambassador von MACKENSEN on 22 September 1940 at the Palazzo Venezia,

... The German Foreign Minister made known his intention to invite SERRANO SUNER to be a guest at the ratification, and likewise to invite representatives of the countries on friendly terms with the Axis, such as Hungary, Bulgaria and Rumania. Count CIANO at first expressed doubts as to whether by the presence of a Spanish delegate, because of the known anti-Bolshevik attitude of the Spanish Government, the Three Power Pact with Japan would not show a too strongly anti-Russian tendency, but dropped these doubts again, as the DUCE declared the presence of SERRANO SUNER rather useful on account of the thereby emphasized solidarity of Spain with the three signatories. . .

Rome, 22 September 1940

SCHEIDT

I. (Orig. in Doc. Rm.)

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I, GERARD SCHAEFER, being first duly sworn on oath, depose and say:

1. That I am Chief of the Documentation Division of the Office of the United States Chief of Counsel, Nurnberg, Germany, and as such have possession, custody and control of the original captured enemy document numbered 1865-FS by said Documentation Division.

2. That said above referred to original document was captured and obtained by military forces under the command of the Supreme Commander, Allied Expeditionary Forces, from German Foreign Office Files and Archives.

3. That said original captured enemy document after its seizure and capture was delivered to, filed with, numbered and processed by the Documentation Division of said Office of the United States Chief of Counsel at Nurnberg, Germany in the manner set forth and described in detail by me in a certain affidavit made by me and dated the 15th of April 1946 and captioned, "Affidavit Concerning the Capture, Processing and Preservation of German Documents", and which said affidavit I hereby verify, ratify and affirm and make a part of the herein affidavit by reference.

4. That the document to which this affidavit is attached is a true and correct photostatic copy of said original captured enemy document above described and referred to.

5. That said above referred to original captured enemy document is being held by me for possible use in connection with the trial of alleged war criminals before the International Military Tribunal, and that a photostatic copy of said original is hereby furnished and certified to because of the unavailability of said original document for the reasons above set forth.

/s/ Gerard Schaefer
Gerard Schaefer

SUBSCRIBED AND SWEORN to before me this 3rd day of May 1946.

/s/ Smith W. Brookhart, Jr., Lt. Col.
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